DECLARATION.

I CHARLES of, &c. &c. &c. but not of *France*, Son and Succeſſor of *James*, by ſome call'd the *Chevaleir de St George*; who being an extroardinary Prince, like all the reſt of our *Caledonian Predeceſſors*, hath taken to the Church, reſign'd his Throne and Dominions to Us in as full an ample manner to all intents and Purpoſes as ever he himſelf enjoy'd the ſame: To *Have and to Hold* to Us and Our Heirs at large for ever. And now I want nothing but the poſſeſſion, nor ſhall I want it long: For altho' one *William Henry Naſſau*, with divers other tumultuous and malicious People, did in the Year 1688, make a Revolution, by continuance wherof, We, and the *Old Chevaleir* our Father, hath hitherto been kept out of our Kingdoms, contrary to all Juſtice and Equity; but by the bleſſing of good Providence, and Aſſiſtance of my dear Cozen and Brother *Lewis the French King*, his Holineſs *Benedict* the XIV. Pope of *Rome*, and his Majeſty the King of *Pruſſia*, as alſo by the Voluminous learned Labours of innumerable Prieſts and Prelates, who have ſtrain'd themſelves hard in favour of my Right and Title, until at laſt they realy have made it as ſure, certain, and indefeſable, as their own Claim to the uninterrupted Succeſſion of the Apoſtles.

We therefore, of the Premiſſes not being ignorant, do hereby, of our Own certain Knowledge, and by all the Powers and Authorities above-mention'd, Publiſh and Declare Ourſelves to be ſole rightful King of thoſe Realms, except *France*, as aforeſaid, againſt all Occupiers and poſſeſſors thereof, and do therupon demand Admittance thereunto without Fraud or further Delay, according to the true Intent and Meaning of theſe Preſents: And to two late Pamphlets publiſhed in our Behalf, the one Intituled, *Jus Sacrum*, and the other *Memoirs of the Chevaleir de St George*; Deſigning to begin our Reign with Acts of Grace, and Benefices to our loving Subjects—— We Judge it may be very proper that *Holy Church* ſhould find the Effects of our Favour; and therefore We promiſe upon our *Sacred Word of Majeſty*, That as ſoon as we have Subdued our Enemies, and ſeated Our ſelf peaceably in the Throne, that then we will cauſe to be reſtored to *Holy Church* all her Lands, which were ſo unjuſtly and fraudulently plundered from her. AND I Will alſo quit all Claim and Pretence to *Supremacy* in *Eccleſiaſtical Matters*; and then it will be in the Power *of Holy Church* to reſtore *godly Diſciples*, as was in Uſe in the *pious Queen Mary's Days*. All I deſire in return on their Part, is, That they wou'd revive the Doctrine of *Paſſive Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance*; and then, you know, We are not accountable to any but GOD; and the Preiſthood, *They will neither be accountable to* GOD, *nor the King, but only to one another.*

AND wheras we have been informed, that ſince the *Revolution* in 1688, and alſo afore-time, for the ſpace of 500 Years and upwards, the Crown and Royal Dignity of our ſaid Realms, have been from time to time involved and encroached upon by divers *Riotous Aſſemblies*, who have taken upon them to frame and deviſe certain Things called *Statutes* or *Acts of Parliament*, therein ſaid to be Enacted *by the Authority of the King, Lords, and Commons*, in manifeſt Diminution of the ſole *Legiſlative Power of the King*: Therefore in Vindication of ſuch Our Right, we do hereby declare, That all and every the Things aforeſaid called *Acts or Statutes*, made, or ſaid to be made, by the Authority of Parliament, to be totally void and abrogated; and therefore do Legiſlate and Enact, *That all the pretended Records thereof, be, and are hereby abrogated, repealed, and annuled, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.*

AND for the preventing the like abuſes for the future, We do hereby of *Ourſelves and by Ourſelves*, in our *Own Perſon*, and as a *Nown Subſtantive*, only Enact and Legiſlate, that from hence-forth, inſtead of the forms aforeſaid, all Acts of Legiſlature ſhall run in Form following: *(viz.) Be it Enacted by the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, with himſelf, and by himſelf, of his own meer will and Pleaſure, any advice of the Lords Spiritual or Temporal, or Commons, either in or out of Parliament, or Authority of the ſame*, &c.

AND We do hereby of Our ſelves, as aforeſaid, Legiſlate, that to the Coronation Oath ſhall be added this Clauſe, *Provided, Nevertheleſs, That this Oath ſhall not in any wiſe be binding on the Crown for preſerving any Laws, Rights, or Liberties of Church or State therein mentioned. The ſame Oath being ane Act of Conceſſion only, and not of Obligation, and that the Violation thereof ſhall not be eſteem'd any Sin againſt our Nieghbour.*

AND VVheras, the Titles of the Crown are no wiſe alianable from their Heirs; Now purſuant to the ſaid Maxim, and for Value received from his Chriſtian Majeſty *Lewis* XV. We do for Us, and our Heirs grant and renounce the Right and Title of the Crown of *France* to his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty and his Heirs.

AND VVheras there are many Seditious Emiſaries endeavouring to Stir up groundles Fears amongſt my good Subjects, as if my dear Brother and beſt Friend the *French* Monarch aforeſaid, deſign'd to make very large demands upon Us, for the vaſt Sums his Grandfather and himſelf have granted, for the ſupport and Aſſiſtance of our Royal Grandfather, Our Father and Ourſelf, but theſe are nothing but malicious Lies, invented to blacken me and my Cauſe; for I have that Monarch's *moſt Chriſtian Faith* pledged to me, that that matter ſhall be made eaſy; and when, I pray *was it ever* known, *that the French King violated his Faith or Royal Promiſe.*

AND Now to quiet the Minds of our loving Subjects againſt fear of our Diſpleaſure, for things paſt; we do hereby declare, That all and every one of them, who ſhall without Fraud or further delay, come in and ſubmit themſelves to *Our abſolute Pleaſure and Diſpoſal*, ſhall have our *Royal grant of Conceſſion*, to enjoy their Lives and Eſtates, *during Our Royal will and Pleaſure.* Except all and every Perſon or Perſons, who in Council, Field, or Garriſon were any wiſe Adviſing, Aiding, or Abetting at the Revolution in 1688, and Excepting all Perſons who ſince the 13 of *February* 1688, have voted in either Houſes of Parliament; and all other Officers Civil and Military who have taken the Oath of Abjuration, (other than ſuch of them as ſhall Abjure themſelves back again) and Excepting all Perſons who by *Writing or Printing, thought, Word, or Deed*, hath Defamed Us, or Our Title: And except all *Proteſtants, whatſoever*, (not being *Jacobites*) and except ſuch Perſon or Perſons as we ſhall from Time to Time think fit to Except by Name, on Account of their Religion, &c. &c. &c.